

**In re Application of:**

Stanley E. KAY et al.

Application No. 09/359,838

Filed: July 23, 1999

For: AIR INTERFACE FRAME FORMATTING

Examiner: NGUYEN, S. H. D.

Art Unit: 2665

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**Commissioner for Patents**  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2-45 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 18, 19, 24, 35, 38, 40 and 45 being independent.

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action,  
Applicants:

- (1) provisionally elect Group II, claims 40-45, with traverse; and
- (2) respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement.

Applicants submit that all claims have already been examined together and rejected over prior art on two occasions, (i) in the Office Action dated October 24, 2002, and (ii) in the Office Action dated March 24, 2003; and therefore continued examination of all claims would not impose a “serious burden” on the Examiner (*see MPEP § 803*).

Further, Applicants believe that if one Examiner continues to act on all claims, then the overall examining time would be reduced (as opposed to two Examiners each examining one group in separate applications); and Applicants believe that the

continued examination of all the claims by one examiner in the present application would best ensure uniform prosecution. Therefore, in accordance with the MPEP, and in the interest of prosecution economy and consistency for both the Patent Office and the Applicants, Applicants respectfully submit that withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is appropriate.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Craig Plastrik at 301-601-7252, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



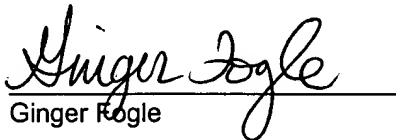
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

\_\_\_ Petition for Extension of time is attached hereto. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

\_\_\_ An extension for \_\_\_ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.


X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

X The fee for claims is calculated below.

|   | CLAIMS AS AMENDED                   |                                       |                  |             |           | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
|   | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA | RATE        |           |                   |
| TOTAL CLAIMS                                    | 45 minus                            | 45 =                                  | 0 x              | \$ 18.00 =  | \$        | 0                 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS                              | 8 minus                             | 8 =                                   | 0 x              | \$ 84.00 =  | \$        | 0                 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS                       |                                     |                                       |                  | \$ 280.00 = | \$        | 0                 |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b> |                                     |                                       |                  |             | <b>\$</b> | <b>0</b>          |


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Respectfully submitted,

  
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